Quarterly Population Report

First Quarter - 2013

June 20, 2013

Population Estimates*

Strong interprovincial and international migration gave Alberta the largest population growth in Canada for the sixth consecutive quarter. As of April 1, Alberta's population was an estimated 3,965,339, an increase of about 34,000 residents over the first three months of 2013. At 0.86%, Alberta's quarterly growth rate was well over three times the national average (0.24%), and outpaced all other regions of Canada by a significant margin. Besides Alberta, only the Yukon (0.56%) and Saskatchewan (0.37%) had quarterly growth rates higher than the national average.

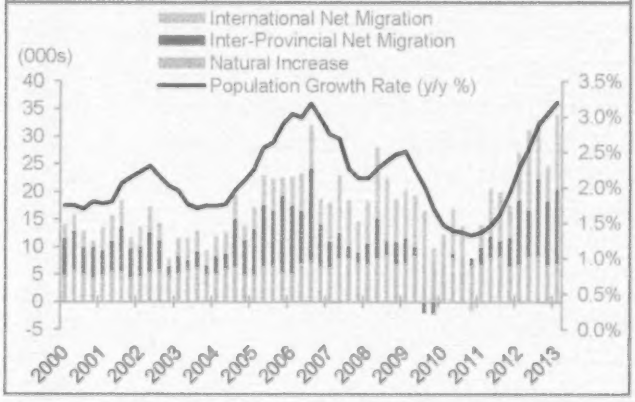
Year over year, Alberta's population grew by a vigorous 3.2%, almost triple the national rate (1.12%) (Table 1), and the highest yearly growth rate for the first quarter since 1982. Following Alberta, Saskatchewan had the next highest yearly growth rate (1.94%), followed by the Yukon (1.75%) (Table 2).

* All data are from Statistics Canada

TABLE 1: POPULATION & GROWTH RATES, CANADA & ALBERTA

	Population			Yearly Growth Rate	
1-Apr	Canada	Alberta	1-Apr	Canada	Alberta
2008	33,189,288	3,564,173	2008	1.14%	2.13%
2009	33,601,980	3,653,478	2009	1.24%	2.51%
2010	34,003,945	3,706,967	2010	1.20%	1.46%
2011	34,370,430	3,757,536	2011	1.08%	1.36%
2012	34,753,881	3,842,549	2012	1.12%	2.26%
2013	35,141,542	3,965,339	2013	1.12%	3.20%

FIGURE 1: ALBERTA COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE, 1ST QUARTER



Migration

During the quarter, Alberta became home to 27,112 net interprovincial and international migrants (Figure 1). This is the largest first quarter gain on record, following the record breaking net migration inflows seen in the fourth quarter of 2012. Migration to Alberta accounted for a substantiative 80% of this quarter's population increase.

Interprovincial Migration

The 13,438 migrants to Alberta in the first quarter represented the largest first quarter net inflow of interprovincial migrants on record, and is responsible for about 40% of the population growth over the quarter. With the exception of the Yukon, all other regions of Canada experienced net outflows over the quarter. The largest outflows were experienced by Ontario (6,823), British Columbia (1,611), and most notably Nova Scotia (1,793). Although Ontario lost more people in absolute terms, the outflow from Nova Scotia was much more dramatic, given that it comes out of a much smaller population.

Alberta welcomed new residents from every part of Canada except the Yukon (Table 3). Most of these new Albertans in the first quarter came from Ontario (6,032), followed by British Columbia (2,477) and Nova Scotia (1,114).

International Migration

Alberta took the fourth highest share of all immigrants to Canada with 14%, following behind Ontario (43%), Quebec (20%), and British Columbia (14%). Similar to the first quarter in 2012, this is currently the highest first quarter share ever reported for Alberta for

TABLE 2: POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES AS OF APRIL 1, 2013 & GROWTH RATES SINCE APRIL 1, 2012

	Canada	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
Population	35,141,542	513,568	145,763	945,015	754,039	8,099,095	13,583,710	1,277,339	1,093,880	3,965,339	4,650,004	36,418	43,349	34,023
Growth Rate	1.12%	0.27%	-0.14%	-0.35%	-0.19%	0.90%	0.89%	1.16%	1.94%	3.20%	0.89%	1.75%	-0.32%	0.78%

immigration. A total of 8,084 immigrants moved to Alberta over the quarter. Alberta also experienced an influx of 6,949 non-permanent residents (NPRs), which is the largest number recorded for a first quarter in Alberta (Table 4). Net international migration for Alberta was 13,674, which was responsible for about 40% of the population growth seen in this quarter.

Natural Increase

In the first quarter of 2013, Alberta had a natural increase (births minus deaths) of 6,886 people, resultant of 13,155 births and 6,269 deaths. The provincial population grew by 0.17% over the quarter due to natural increase alone (Table 4). This is considerably higher than the national average (0.06%), and the highest amongst the provinces. Alberta has strong natural increase thanks to a higher birth rate and lower death rate, due to our younger population.

TABLE 3: ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 2013

Origin \ Destination	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NT	NU
NL	0	40	186	134	83	505	19	35	1,234	139	0	39	0
PEI	24	0	138	179	76	295	0	10	149	38	0	0	17
NS	340	146	0	774	70	1,332	104	76	1,621	430	0	74	6
NB	160	149	541	0	218	711	126	95	1,112	208	0	0	33
QC	26	25	155	357	0	3,007	128	68	1,387	474	24	6	46
ON	747	321	1,196	675	3,525	0	1,026	783	9,027	2,719	75	185	86
MB	73	25	75	72	88	1,112	0	595	1,558	621	0	5	14
SK	4	0	53	68	36	683	591	0	2,766	726	57	32	13
AB	777	116	507	402	391	2,995	934	2,192	0	4,651	114	173	24
BC	88	44	230	137	275	2,578	481	760	7,128	0	96	53	28
YT	15	0	37	21	0	45	0	0	91	114	0	40	0
NT	0	0	54	0	0	82	0	52	448	138	109	0	14
NU	36	0	8	0	0	197	33	24	193	29	0	35	0

	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NT	NU
IN	2,290	866	3,180	2,819	4,762	13,542	3,442	4,690	26,714	10,287	475	642	281
OUT	2,414	926	4,973	3,353	5,703	20,365	4,238	5,029	13,276	11,898	363	897	555
NET	-124	-60	-1,793	-534	-941	-6,823	-796	-339	13,438	-1,611	112	-255	-274

Q1 2013	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NT	NU
Outflow to AB	1,234	149	1,621	1,112	1,387	9,027	1,558	2,766	n/a	7,128	91	448	193
Inflow from AB	777	116	507	402	391	2,995	934	2,192	n/a	4,651	114	173	24
Net Flow to AB	457	33	1,114	710	996	6,032	624	574	n/a	2,477	-23	275	169

Estimates of non-permanent residents (NPRs) represent the number of "...persons who are lawfully in Canada on a temporary basis under the authority of a temporary resident permit, along with members of their family living with them. Non-permanent residents (NPR) include foreign workers, foreign students, the humanitarian population and other temporary residents. The humanitarian population includes refugee claimants and temporary residents who are allowed to remain in Canada on humanitarian grounds and are not categorized as either foreign workers or foreign students."

Source: Statistics Canada

TABLE 4: ALBERTA COMPONENTS OF GROWTH BY QUARTER

Quarters in Census Year	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration						Total	Vital Events		Total*
	In	Out	Net	Immigrants	Net Non-Permanent Residents	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net	Total Net Migration	Births	Deaths	Sum of Components
2009													
Jan-Mar	18,711	14,026	4,685	5,764	4,489	1,499	710	731	8,775	13,460	12,310	5,427	20,343
Apr-Jun	18,658	16,927	1,731	7,739	2,708	1,597	730	1,178	9,298	11,029	13,319	5,098	19,250
Jul-Sep	16,263	18,283	-2,020	7,585	2,284	2,517	1,054	1,427	7,725	5,705	13,697	4,887	14,515
Oct-Dec	9,436	11,638	-2,202	5,929	-1,486	1,463	787	706	2,899	697	12,397	5,576	7,518
Total	**63,068**	**60,874**	**2,194**	**27,017**	**7,995**	**7,076**	**3,281**	**4,042**	**28,697**	**30,891**	**51,723**	**20,988**	**61,626**
2010													
Jan-Mar	15,008	14,860	148	6,762	-99	1,214	724	672	5,397	5,545	12,263	5,602	12,206
Apr-Jun	17,251	16,448	803	9,729	-685	1,381	767	1,183	8,079	8,882	13,165	5,258	16,789
Jul-Sep	16,766	16,767	-1	9,485	-1,822	2,505	1,031	1,426	5,553	5,552	13,218	5,046	13,724
Oct-Dec	12,428	11,098	1,330	6,667	-6,704	1,547	796	706	-1,674	-344	12,222	5,753	6,125
Total	**61,453**	**59,173**	**2,280**	**32,643**	**-9,310**	**6,647**	**3,318**	**3,987**	**17,355**	**19,635**	**50,868**	**21,659**	**48,844**
2011													
Jan-Mar	15,768	12,608	3,160	5,916	-419	1,289	732	672	4,148	7,308	12,404	5,781	13,931
Apr-Jun	19,013	15,059	3,954	8,389	1,341	1,462	775	1,183	8,676	12,630	13,331	5,425	20,536
Jul-Sep	22,809	20,031	2,778	8,970	2,186	2,603	1,044	1,426	8,935	11,713	13,402	5,210	19,905
Oct-Dec	16,053	10,931	5,122	7,690	-149	1,556	791	706	5,900	11,022	12,437	5,938	17,521
Total	**73,643**	**58,629**	**15,014**	**30,965**	**2,959**	**6,910**	**3,342**	**3,987**	**27,659**	**42,673**	**51,574**	**22,354**	**71,893**
2012													
Jan-Mar	24,177	12,451	11,726	7,520	2,440	1,295	728	672	8,609	20,335	12,688	5,972	27,051
Apr-Jun	26,133	17,589	8,544	10,358	5,244	1,468	771	1,183	14,546	23,090	13,716	5,610	31,196
Jul-Sep	31,963	18,048	13,915	9,105	3,946	2,624	1,044	1,426	10,809	24,724	13,816	5,446	33,094
Oct-Dec	19,910	8,377	11,533	9,081	-1,133	1,567	791	706	6,296	17,829	12,879	6,206	24,502
Total	**102,183**	**56,465**	**45,718**	**36,064**	**10,497**	**6,954**	**3,334**	**3,987**	**40,260**	**85,978**	**53,099**	**23,234**	**115,843**
2013													
Jan-Mar	26,714	13,276	13,438	8,084	6,949	1,303	728	672	13,674	27,112	13,155	6,269	33,998
Apr-Jun	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jul-Sep	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oct-Dec	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	**26,714**	**13,276**	**13,438**	**8,084**	**6,949**	**1,303**	**728**	**672**	**13,674**	**27,112**	**13,155**	**6,269**	**33,998**

* The sum of the components may not equal the total quarterly population change due to differences in the methods used to derive intercensal and post censal estimates.